

LOCAL NEWS.

CHRISTMAS.—As has always heretofore been the case, and, as it is to be hoped, will always be the case hereafter, Christmas Day was observed in this city as a general holiday, and universal hilarity prevailed during its continuance. From daybreak until long after dark the air resounded with the reports of fire crackers and torpedoes, intermingled with the sounds of whistles, mouth-organs and horns, and as the weather was delightful—more like that of an April than a December day—many persons were out, and King street from one extremity to the other was crowded with merry-makers. The services at the Catholic and Episcopal Churches were attended by large congregations who were deeply interested in the appropriate discourses delivered upon the occasion—that in Christ Church by the able and venerable Bishop of the diocese—and charmed with the delightful music rendered. Family reunions were the order of the day, and "the season with many happy returns" was the toast drunk in many a glass of egg-nog and apple toddy.

THE LATE DR. TAYLOR.—At the Baptist Church, on Sunday, the pastor, Rev. C. H. Ryland, preached, morning and night, highly interesting sermons, forcibly and earnestly urging the gospel. In connection with the morning service, he announced the death of the Rev. J. B. Taylor, D.D., and paid a handsome, and doubtless just tribute to his memory. Dr. Taylor was born in England, but at the age of one year, was brought to the United States. He had a career of twenty years as pastor in Richmond, Va., and afterwards was 26 years Corresponding Secretary of the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention, for which his good sense, earnest piety and remarkable energy eminently fitted him.

ATTEMPT AT HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—Mr. Castini, a dairyman living on Seminary Hill, while on his way to this city, about half-past six o'clock this morning, was attacked near the old toll gate, on the Leesburg turnpike, by three unknown colored men, who struck him on the head with rocks and attempted to rob him. He escaped by whipping his horse and driving rapidly by them. The house of Mr. Castini was entered a short time ago and robbed of a trunk containing \$140, and it is supposed that the same parties who committed that robbery were engaged in the attempt this morning.

THE RIVER.—The warm weather that has prevailed for the last two or three days has softened the ice in the river so much that one of the Washington ferry boats resumed her trips this morning, and the other one will be put on the line as soon as some necessary repairs to her are completed. The night trips on the Aquia Creek route have also been resumed. Capt. Chesher, who arrived up yesterday from the lower Potomac, reports all the vessels that have lately sailed from here as having gotten safely through the ice. The schooner Nellie Bell sailed to-day for New Haven.

BAPTIST SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Monday night, the Baptist Church Sunday School enjoyed a Christmas Tree occasion, attended by a large number of the Church and Congregation. The teachers gave presents to their scholars, and scholars to teachers and sundry valuable and beautiful gifts were found on the trees for the Pastor and his family, and several for prominent members of the School. The Pastor presided, and contributed largely to the interest of the evening.

CASE OF MR. COCKERELL, IN FAIRFAX CO. Dr. Day, at Dranesville, writes that Mr. Cockerell in the altercation with Wash. Farr, received two wounds, one penetrating the cavity of the chest, the other the cavity of the abdomen. Both wounds are of a dangerous character. The case progressed very favorably for one week and then assumed a serious character. At present there is some improvement, but his recovery is doubtful.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF THE SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—The Sunday school attached to the Second Presbyterian Church, and the Corn Exchange Mission School of the same church, assembled at Sarepta Hall, yesterday morning to the number of about three hundred and thirty, and were addressed by Rev. Dr. Bullock, after which each of the scholars received a present.

CANAL MATTERS.—A number of boats that ventured on navigation too long have been caught in the ice at various points along the line of canal, where they will now be obliged to remain until Spring, as, independent of the heavy ice, water has been drawn from some of the levels upon the western divisions to commence the usual winter repairs.

THE HARMONIE.—The members of the Harmonie had one of their most pleasant reunions at their rooms over Adams Express office last night. In the afternoon the children of the members of the Association and their friends had a delightful little entertainment at the same place.

BADLY INJURED.—During a fight yesterday evening in "Petersburg" among some colored people, one of those engaged, a man named Patterson Gorthright, was struck on the head with a brick by either James Thomas or Chas. Manley, and so badly injured that his life is said to be despaired of.

DANGEROUS STREET.—A mule while being driven across St. Asaph street at the intersection of Wolfe street, sunk into the trench lately dug there, and which has been left partially filled, and was extricated only after a great deal of difficulty.

ALARM OF FIRE.—The alarm of fire about eight o'clock last night, was caused by the ringing of the bell of the Relief Hook and Ladder Company by an unknown party, who had gained a surreptitious entrance into the truck house of the company.

STEAMER GEORGIANA.—The steamer Georgiana, on the line between Norfolk and Baltimore, while coming down the bay last week, broke her rudder, and was towed back to Baltimore.

UNHURT.—A cow was picked up by the cow-catcher on the Lynchburg passenger train bound to this city yesterday, at the South Hardware station, but was put off two miles this side of that place, unhurt.

THE HARMONIE.—The children of the members of the Harmonie Association had a ball at the association's rooms yesterday evening, and at night their parents.

FAIR.—The fair of the Friendship Fire Co., now in progress at the Assembly Rooms, was numerously attended last night.

CITY COUNCIL.—A regular semi-monthly meeting of the City Council will be held to-night.

"I wish I was dead!" is an expression not unfrequently made use of by the dyspeptic and sufferer from Liver disease, the depressed spirits unfitting the mind for anything, and almost driving him to despair. But be of good cheer, there is life and health for you yet, so those that have taken Simmonds' Liver Regulator to attest. It regulates the Liver, dispels dyspepsia, and restores health.

TELEGRAPH NEWS.

[DISPATCHES TO THE GAZETTE.]

FOREIGN NEWS.

MADRID, Dec. 25.—The meeting of the Cortes has been postponed until the 30th of January. Admiral Topete, Minister of Colonies, has announced his intention of making a reform in the volunteer organization in Havana. Reinforcements continue to go forward to Cuba to aid in the suppression of the insurrection on that island.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The members of the Right Centre in the National Assembly having made overtures to the Legationists for a coalition, the latter in reply say they will usually condescend, but at the same time will reserve their independence. They also announce their disapproval of the Orleans Princes as leaders.

The Geneva Conference.—NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—The World's London correspondent gives the English case submitted to the Geneva Conference. It contains ten divisions. The first is a statement of what the British government conceives to be referred to the arbitrators. The second is a narrative of the chief events of the American civil war pertinent to the issues under arbitration, and the course pursued by Great Britain. The third is an exposition of certain general propositions of international law governing the conduct of neutrals, the power possessed by the British Executive at the time to enforce these propositions or rules, and the means employed at the request of the United States. The fourth is a statement of general considerations to be kept in view while examining what was actually asked by the United States, and done by the British government respecting the four chief cruisers. The fifth gives the leading facts about the Florida. The sixth deals with the Alabama; the seventh with the Georgia; the eighth with the Shenandoah; the ninth recapitulates, and the tenth is a summary of international practice in neutrality. In respect to belligerent recognition little or nothing is said, except to compare the dates of its issue with the date of certain acts by the United States and Confederate government touching the four chief cruisers. The British case denies that two of them were especially adapted in whole or in part within British waters to warfare use, and therefore are not within the rules, and orders were finally given for their detention. Within four or five days after the last piece of testimony was submitted, and before the orders against her could reach Liverpool, she had fraudulently escaped to sea. The British case throughout is amiable and fair, manifesting a desire to submit in good faith everything to the decision of the tribunal, but firmly protesting that Great Britain ought not to be found guilty of international negligence or any unusual acts done to other belligerents.

From New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Christmas was observed everywhere in this city and Brooklyn. The weather was very pleasant, crowds thronging the streets through the day. The steamers and sailing vessels in the harbor were decorated with the flags of all nations. Ex-Comptroller Connolly was visited by several of his friends yesterday at Ludlow street jail. He appears to be in good spirits. In Brooklyn yesterday a man named Charles Johnson said to be a prominent politician, fatally shot a young man named Robert Henry. James Carroll was killed by James McCartney last night. The latter was quitting a row in his rum shop. A boy at Hudson, a man at Newburg and another at Cornwall were drowned while skating on the Hudson River Sunday.

From the Plains.

OMAHA, Dec. 25.—Rawlins station reports that no trains have passed either way since the 21st, and there is no prospect of any for two or three days. Laramie station reports that no trains have passed there since Saturday. Cheyenne reports three trains lying there for the West. **DUBUQUE, IOWA, Dec. 25.**—The recent snow storm was very severe in northern Iowa, blocking all the roads with one exception. There have been no trains from the West into Dubuque since Friday last until this evening. The snow is effectually blocking the roads and breaking the telegraph wires in every direction.

Railroad Accident.

DUBUQUE, IOWA, Dec. 25.—Saturday night a passenger train bound north on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids and Minnesota Railroad, broke through the bridge over Shell Rock river at Rockford Station, Iowa, precipitating the engine, caboose, baggage car and one coach down twenty feet. James Judd, engineer, Bartlett, brakeman, and Robert White, fireman, were instantly killed. The baggage master had a leg broken and an express messenger was seriously, though not dangerously injured. Surgeons were at once sent from Cedar Rapids to their relief and returned to that place Sunday with the dead and wounded.

Christmas.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—The day has been observed with the usual generosity. All business was suspended and there has been a good deal of carousing and much drunkenness resulting in brawls in which knives, razors and pistols were freely used, but no very serious harm was done. A prisoner in the calaboose attempted to commit suicide by cutting his throat with the ragged edge of a tin plate which he tore apart for that purpose. He will recover.

Fire.

LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS, Dec. 25.—A special dispatch from Salina, Kansas, to the Times says that twelve buildings were burned in that place yesterday, including one livery stable, and harness and saddlery store, one drug store, two groceries, one hardware store, two saloons and billiard rooms, Wells, Fargo & Co.'s, express office, and Gies & Co.'s bank. The loss is from sixty to seventy-five thousand. Insurance small.

Fatal Accident &c.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Sturdevant, wife of the Superintendent of the Institute for the blind, lost her life last night by the explosion of a coal oil lamp.

James Miller, a grocer, committed suicide this morning by shooting himself. No cause is assigned.

The weather here is as mild and beautiful as May.

Election.

ROSE, GA., Dec. 25.—The municipal election to-day resulted in the election of the entire People's ticket. H. D. Cathran was elected Mayor, and T. M. Gates, W. T. Mapp, R. T. Hoyt, J. W. Noble, C. G. Samuel and T. J. Stone Aldermen. The election passed off quietly. There was no disturbance of any kind. A full vote was polled. There is great rejoicing.

Small-pox.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—The Chicago Tribune is mistaken when it states that the small-pox is prevailing here as an epidemic. The mortality list here last week was seventy-nine and there was not a single case of small-pox reported.

Health of the President's Father, &c.

CINCINNATI, O., Dec. 25.—Jesse R. Grant's condition has changed but little since Saturday. He can talk more distinctly, but is quite feeble and his mind continues to wander. His recovery is considered very doubtful.

A special dispatch from Dayton reports that the Soldiers' Home, at Knightstown, Ind., was burned this morning. The inmates will be transferred to the Soldiers' Home. The loss or insurance on the building is not stated. Christmas was unusually quiet.

Attempted Lynching.

CINCINNATI, Dec. 25.—The citizens of Hamilton, Ohio, incensed at the acquittal of McGeehan, charged with the murder of Thomas J. Myers, held a public meeting last night and passed resolutions that he seek a residence elsewhere. A small, but well armed party quietly proceeded to his house while the meeting was being held, but McGeehan had taken warning from the inflammatory hand bill which called the meeting and fled on the eastward bound train, thus escaping lynching.

The Late Troubles in Arkansas.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 25.—A dispatch from Memphis says reports from Chicot Co., Arkansas state that the negroes still hold the town and are pressing in horses and supplies, and had made prisoners of many white men, fearing the whites will arm and drive them from the county. They are being reinforced almost daily.

Suicide.

LOWELL, Dec. 26.—Dr. Ebenezer Boyden, a wealthy retired physician, aged 70 of Billerica, committed suicide Sunday by hanging. He had attempted it once before, and often expressed fears of coming to want.

POLICE REPORT.—Policeman Johnson who was suspended yesterday for disrespect to the Mayor, was reinstated to-day upon making a satisfactory explanation of his conduct.

MAYOR'S OFFICE.—Charles Manley, colored, for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

Ciphas Thompson and Charles Williams, colored, were arrested for disorderly conduct. The former was fined and discharged, the latter discharged with a reprimand.

M. Moore for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

George Lucas, for throwing stones at his mother, was rebuked and discharged.

John Dillon, for disorderly conduct, was sent to the work house for 90 days.

Thomas Beach and Daniel Cullen, were arrested for disorderly conduct and fighting. The former was fined and discharged, the latter discharged with a reprimand.

John Williams, for obtaining goods under false pretenses from Thomas Fisher, both colored, was committed to jail for further examination.

William Cook, for disorderly conduct, was fined and discharged.

Frank Young, colored, for disorderly conduct, was sent to the work house for 90 days.

George Carroll and James Woodley, alias Moody, colored, for disorderly conduct in Petersburg, were fined and discharged.

James R. Jefferson and William Rushman, jr., for disorderly conduct, were discharged with a reprimand.

Maria Ann Cave, and her two daughters Edwina Cave and Sidney Frances, Francis Boyle, and Lucy Brown, for keeping a disorderly house on Queen street, above Alfred, were discharged with an admonition.

Three young men for disorderly conduct and for creating a disturbance on the corner of King and Fairfax streets, were fined and discharged.

Andrew Dixon, for striking and abusing Margaret Harris, both colored, was fined and discharged.

Washington Byrd, colored, for drawing a razor and threatening to use it was fined and discharged.

Richard Spilks, for disorderly conduct, was discharged with a reprimand.

William Laws, Jane Middleton and Mary Odell, colored, for disorderly conduct, were fined and discharged.

Richard Kelley, colored, taken up on the charge of assaulting a white man was discharged as he was not in fault.

Louisa Coffey, colored, for abusive language, was fined and discharged.

James Branch, colored, for robbing the money draw of John Locher was discharged.

Hugh Strider and Charles Beck, for robbing the money draw of John Locher, were sent to jail, the former for 90, the latter for 60 days.

John McQuinn, Jim McQuinn and John Connelly, for disorderly conduct, were discharged.

James Wilkinson, on complaint of Jane Henry, for abusive language, was fined and discharged.

MAGISTRATES' OFFICE.—John Williams alias Peter George, colored, re-examined on the charge of obtaining goods under false pretenses, was committed to jail for six months.

John Williams, alias Peter George, for stealing a watch from Milly Ferrell, both colored, was held for further examination.

Emanuel Branch, a blind colored man, for assaulting and beating Mary Randall, also colored, was discharged.

NIGHT REPORT.—Night mild and warm and clear until 12 o'clock when it became cloudy. There were no disturbances after nine o'clock, and after ten the streets were as quiet as usual. One prisoner and two lodgers were at the station house.

THE ALARM OF FIRE about 4 o'clock, this evening, was caused by the burning of a chimney in the 2nd Ward.

BANK OF THE OLD DOMINION.—Alexandria, December 26, 1871. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House of the Citizens' National Bank, on TUESDAY, the 6th day of January, 1872, between the hours of 12 m. and 2 p. m.

R. H. MILLER, President.

100 LBS OF CREAM ALMONDS just received and for sale by the CHINESE TEA COMPANY, No. 11 north Royal street.

CHOICE COUNTRY LARD, in small packages, for family use, for sale by SHINN & CO., 18 Union street.

200 LBS OF ROASTED ALMONDS just received and for sale by the CHINESE TEA COMPANY, No. 11 north Royal street.

\$8,200 LOST BONDS.

ORANGE AND ALEXANDRIA RAILROAD COMPANY. FIRST MORTGAGE, 6 per cent., Nos. 229, 244, 245, three of \$500 each, funded, dated 1st Nov. 1870, 1871, 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876, 1877, 1878, 1879, 1880, 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, 1885, 1886, 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, 1895, 1896, 1897, 1898, 1899, 1900, 1901, 1902, 1903, 1904, 1905, 1906, 1907, 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, 1918, 1919, 1920, 1921, 1922, 1923, 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1932, 1933, 1934, 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1942, 1943, 1944, 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952, 1953, 1954, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966, 1967, 1968, 1969, 1970, 1971, 1972, 1973, 1974, 1975, 1976, 1977, 1978, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1982, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991, 1992, 1993, 1994, 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030, 2031, 2032, 2033, 2034, 2035, 2036, 2037, 2038, 2039, 2040, 2041, 2042, 2043, 2044, 2045, 2046, 2047, 2048, 2049, 2050, 2051, 2052, 2053, 2054, 2055, 2056, 2057, 2058, 2059, 2060, 2061, 2062, 2063, 2064, 2065, 2066, 2067, 2068, 2069, 2070, 2071, 2072, 2073, 2074, 2075, 2076, 2077, 2078, 2079, 2080, 2081, 2082, 2083, 2084, 2085, 2086, 2087, 2088, 2089, 2090, 2091, 2092, 2093, 2094, 2095, 2096, 2097, 2098, 2099, 2100, 2101, 2102, 2103, 2104, 2105, 2106, 2107, 2108, 2109, 2110, 2111, 2112, 2113, 2114, 2115, 2116, 2117, 2118, 2119, 2120, 2121, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2128, 2129, 2130, 2131, 2132, 2133, 2134, 2135, 2136, 2137, 2138, 2139, 2140, 2141, 2142, 2143, 2144, 2145, 2146, 2147, 2148, 2149, 2150, 2151, 2152, 2153, 2154, 2155, 2156, 2157, 2158, 2159, 2160, 2161, 2162, 2163, 2164, 2165, 2166, 2167, 2168, 2169, 2170, 2171, 2172, 2173, 2174, 2175, 2176, 2177, 2178, 2179, 2180, 2181, 2182, 2183, 2184, 2185, 2186, 2187, 2188, 2189, 2190, 2191, 2192, 2193, 2194, 2195, 2196, 2197, 2198, 2199, 2200, 2201, 2202, 2203, 2204, 2205, 2206, 2207, 2208, 2209, 2210, 2211, 2212, 2213, 2214, 2215, 2216, 2217, 2218, 2219, 2220, 2221, 2222, 2223, 2224, 2225, 2226, 2227, 2228, 2229, 2230, 2231, 2232, 2233, 2234, 2235, 2236, 2237, 2238, 2239, 2240, 2241, 2242, 2243, 2244, 2245, 2246, 2247, 2248, 2249, 2250, 2251, 2252, 2253, 2254, 2255, 2256, 2257, 2258, 2259, 2260, 2261, 2262, 2263, 2264, 2265, 2266, 2267, 2268, 2269, 2270, 2271, 2272, 2273, 2274, 2275, 2276, 2277, 2278, 2279, 2280, 2281, 2282, 2283, 2284, 2285, 2286, 2287, 2288, 2289, 2290, 2291, 2292, 2293, 2294, 2295, 2296, 2297, 2298, 2299, 2300, 2301, 2302, 2303, 2304, 2305, 2306, 2307, 2308, 2309, 2310, 2311, 2312, 2313, 2314, 2315, 2316, 2317, 2318, 2319, 2320, 2321, 2322, 2323, 2324, 2325, 2326, 2327, 2328, 2329, 2330, 2331, 2332, 2333, 2334, 2335, 2336, 2337, 2338, 2339, 2340, 2341, 2342, 2343, 2344, 2345, 2346, 2347, 2348, 2349, 2350, 2351, 2352, 2353, 2354, 2355, 2356, 2357, 2358, 2359, 2360, 2361, 2362, 2363, 2364, 2365, 2366, 2367, 2368, 2369, 2370, 2371, 2372, 2373, 2374, 2375, 2376, 2377, 2378, 2379, 2380, 2381, 2382, 2383, 2384, 2385, 2386, 2387, 2388, 2389, 2390, 2391, 2392, 2393, 2394, 2395, 2396, 2397, 2398, 2399, 2400, 2401, 2402, 2403, 2404, 2405, 2406, 2407, 2408, 2409, 2410, 2411, 2412, 2413, 2414, 2415, 2416, 2417, 2418, 2419, 2420, 2421, 2422, 2423, 2424, 2425, 2426, 2427, 2428, 2429, 2430, 2431, 2432, 2433, 2434, 2435, 2436, 2437, 2438, 2439, 2440, 2441, 2442, 2443, 2444, 2445, 2446, 2447, 2448, 2449, 2450, 2451, 2452, 2453, 2454, 2455, 2456, 2457, 2458, 2459, 2460, 2461, 2462, 2463, 2464, 2465, 2466, 2467, 2468, 2469, 2470, 2471, 2472, 2473, 2474, 2475, 2476, 2477, 2478, 2479, 2480, 2481, 2482, 2483, 2484, 2485, 2486, 2487, 2488, 2489, 2490, 2491, 2492, 2493, 2494, 2495, 2496, 2497, 2498, 2499, 2500, 2501, 2502, 2503, 2504, 2505, 2506, 2507, 2508, 2509, 2510, 2511, 2512, 2513, 2514, 2515, 2516, 2517, 2518, 2519, 2520, 2521, 2522, 2523, 2524, 2525, 2526, 2527, 2528, 2529, 2530, 2531, 2532, 2533, 2534, 2535, 2536, 2537, 2538, 2539, 2540, 2541, 2542, 2543, 2544, 2545, 2546, 2547, 2548, 2549, 2550, 2551, 2552, 2553, 2554, 2555, 2556, 2557, 2558, 2559, 2560, 2561, 2562, 2563, 2564, 2565, 2566, 2567, 2568, 2569, 2570, 2571, 2572, 2573, 2574, 2575, 2576, 2577, 2578, 2579, 2580, 2581, 2582, 2583, 2584, 2585, 2586, 2587, 2588, 2589, 2590, 2591, 2592, 2593, 2594, 2595, 2596, 2597, 2598, 2599, 2600, 2601, 2602, 2603, 2604, 2605, 2606, 2607, 2608, 2609, 2610, 2611, 2612, 2613, 2614, 2615, 2616, 2617, 2618, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2622, 2623, 2624, 2625, 2626, 2627, 2628, 2629, 2630, 2631, 2632, 2633, 2634, 2635, 2636, 2637, 2638, 2639, 2640, 2641, 2642, 2643, 2644, 2645, 2646, 2647, 2648, 2649, 2650, 2651, 2652, 2653, 2654, 2655, 2656, 2657, 2658, 2659, 2660, 2661, 2662, 2663, 2664, 2665, 2666, 2667, 2668, 2669, 2670, 2671, 2672, 2673, 2674, 2675, 2676, 2677, 2678